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BEFORE THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

In the Matter of:
Mitchellville Post Office
Mitchellville, Tennessee

Docket No. A2011-9

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF FILING (March 10, 2011)

By means of Order No. 682 (February 25, 2011), the Postal Regulatory

Commission docketed correspondence from a customer of the Mitchellville, Tennessee

Post Office, assigning PRC Docket No. A2011-9 as an appeal pursuant to 39 U.S.C. §

404(d). That Order, at page 3, set March 10, 2011 as the date by which "[t]he Postal

Service shall file the administrative record regarding this appeal" or file any responsive pleading. This pleading responds to that directive.

The Postal Service is today filing the electronic version of the administrative record concerning the Final Determination to Close the Mitchellville, TN Post Office and Extend Rural Route Service.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE By its attorneys:

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39.	Instruction letter to postmaster/OIC on posting	
40.	Round-date stamped final determination cover sheets	
41.		
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4 5.	Vice President, delivery and retail, instruction letter	
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47.	Notification to local Address Management Systems (AMS) to update	AMS database
48.	Announcement in Postal Bulletin	

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CAROLYN CHAMBERS DISTRICT MANAGER CUSTOMER SERVICE AND SALES

SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION

I request your authorization to investigate a possible change in postal services for the following office in the 6th Congressional District.

Post Office Name:	<u>Mitchellville</u>
ZIP+4 Code:	37119-9998
EAS Level:	EPM-53
Finance Number:	47-5832
County:	Sumner
Number of Customers:	
Post Office Box General Delivery Rural Route (RR) Highway Contract Route (HCR) Intermediate RR Intermediate HCR City Delivery Total Customers	

The above office has been requested to be studied for management initiated discontinuance.

Please indicate your approval of this study by signing below and returning the original form to this office.

Sandra K Quick

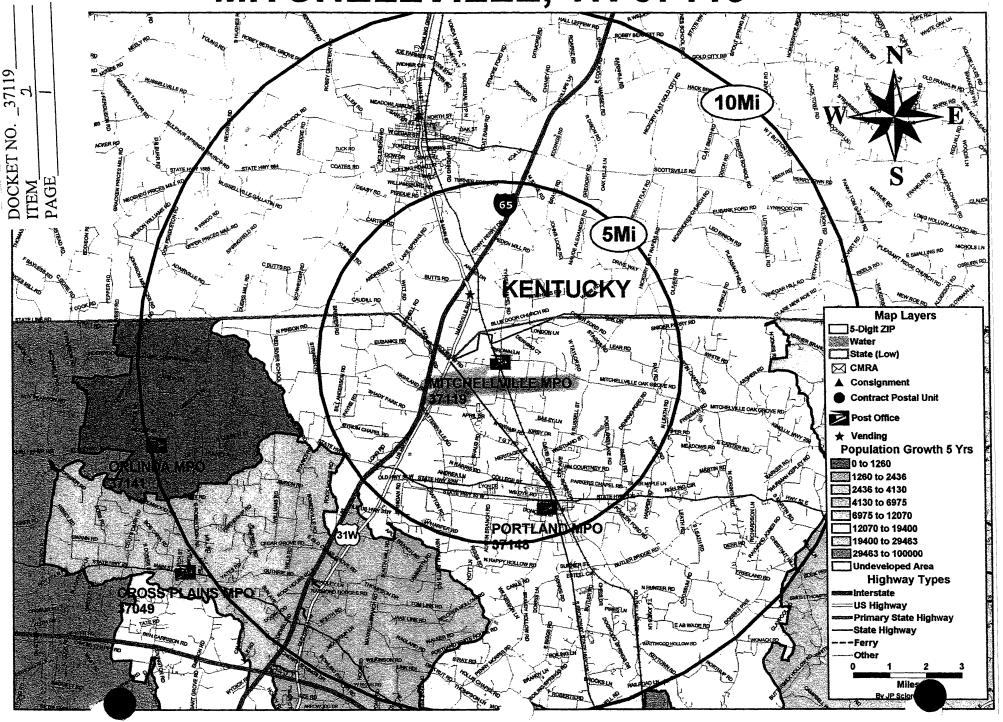
Manager, Post Office Operations

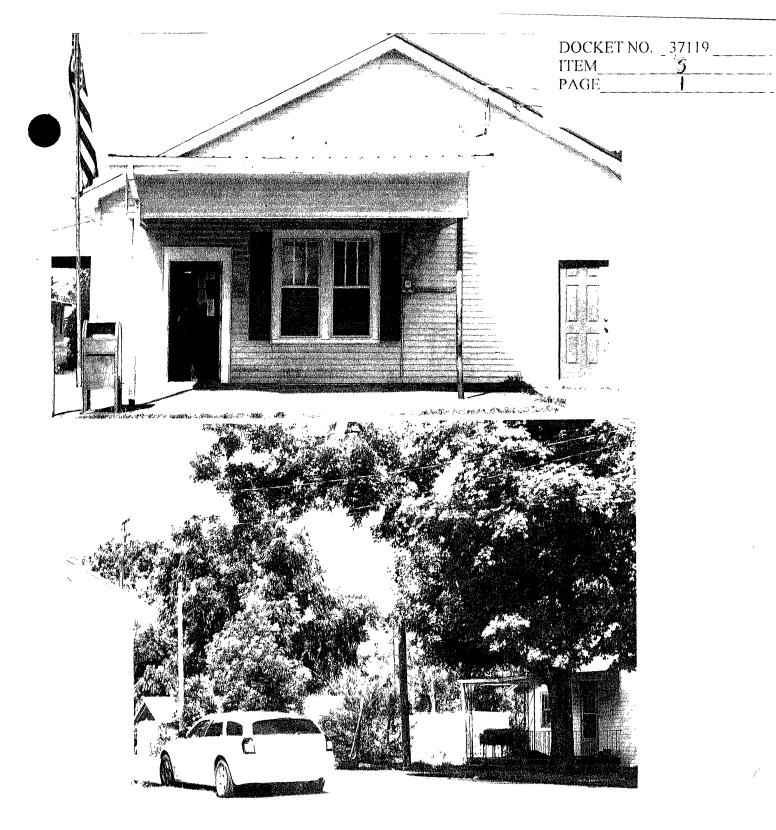
Approval to Study for Discontinuance:

District Manager, Customer Service and Sales

Date

MITCHELLVILLE, TN 37119





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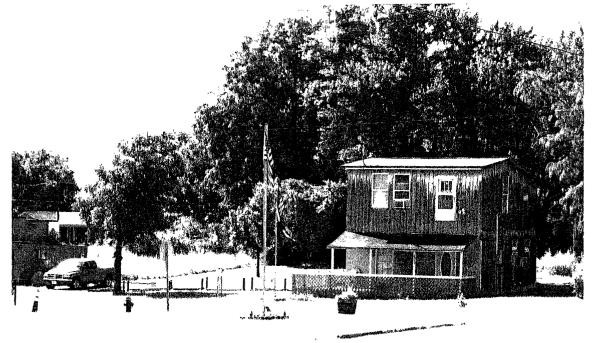






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Post Office, State & ZIP Code	Postmaster's Signature		
Mitchelluille Mitchelluille TN 37119 MSC, State & ZIP Code	MSC Manager's Signature	و به مه	Date
District Office, State & ZIP Code	District Manager's Signature		Date
(Check Box)			
☐ Vacancy ☐ Management Review ☐ RFR 1 ☐ RFR	See Instructions on Reverse	** **	
Current Office Level 2.	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		55
Finance Number		(1-6)	475832
General Delivery Families Served		(7-9)	8
Post Office Boxes/Call Boxes Rented		(10-15)	18
5. Possible City Deliveries		(16-20)	
6. Administrative Rural Boxes Served		(21-25)	
7 Intermediate Rural Boxes Served		(26-30)	C
8 Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Rural Boxes for Other Office:	s	(31-35)	
Administrative Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served		(36-39)	
10. Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served		(40-43)	
11. Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Routs	e Boxes for Other Offices	(44-47)	
12. Number of Carrier Stations/Branches		(48-49)	
Number of Finance Stations/Branches		(50-51)	
14. Number of Contract Stations/Branches & Community Post Offices		(52-53)	
15a. Does Office Experience A Seasonal Workload? (box one "Y" for yes. "N" for (If you answer 'yes' for this question, complete 'Seasonal Workload' section on revers.	or no) e.)	(54)	
15b. Duration of Seasonal Workload (Minimum of 8 weeks)	· -· · · · · · ·	(55-56)	
16. Does Office Perform Outgoing Distribution for Other Offices?		(57)	N
17 Does Office Perform Incoming Primary Distribution for Other Offices?		(58)	N
18. Does Office Perform Incoming Secondary Distribution for Other Offices?		(59)	N
Do You Separate All Incoming Letter Size Mail to City & Rural Carrier Route	es for Your Own Office?	(60)	N
20. Do You Separate All Incoming Flat Mail to City & Rural Carrier Routes for Y	our Own Office?	(61)	N
21 Do You Have Responsibility for Vehicle Maintenance Facilities?	!	(62)	N
Does Your Office Have Administrative Responsibility for An Air Transfer Off	fice?	(63)	W
Is Postmaster Lessor for Government Owned Building?		(64)	V
Joes Office Have MPLSM/SPLSM?	!	(65)	V
Does Office Distribute Food Stamps?	-	(66)	



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Worksheet for	Calculating	Workload Service	Credit (WSC) tur rusi siii
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Office Name: Mitchellville IN 37119 Office ZIP+4:31119.9998 District: IN			
Activity WSCs			
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Post Office Boxes/Call Boxes Rented (Item 4, Form 150)	<u>)</u> x 1.0 =	= 18.0	0
Possible City Deliveries (Item 5, Form 150)	x 1.33 =	=	
Administrative Rural Boxes Served (Item 6, Form 150)	x 1.0 =	=	_
Intermediate Rural Boxes Served (Item 7, Form 150)	_ x 0.7 =	=	_
Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Rural Boxes for Other Offices (Item 8, Form 150)	_ x 0.3 =	=	_
Administrative Highway Contract Route Boxes Served (Item 9, Form 150)	_ x 1.0 =	=	
Intermediate Highway Contract Route Boxes Served (Item 10, Form 150)	_ x 0.7 =	=	_
Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Highway Contract Route Boxes for Other Offices (Item 11, Form 150).	x 0.3 =	=	-
Total activity WSCs		du	_
Revenue WSCs 26			
First 25 revenue units: 1.0 $\times \frac{25}{}$ units = $\frac{1}{2}$	è		
Next 275 revenue units: 0.5 x $\frac{1}{}$ units = $\frac{.5}{}$			
Next 700 revenue units: 0.25 x units =		X.	
Next 5,000 revenue units: 0.1 x units =			
Balance of revenue units: 0.01 xunits =			
Total revenue WSCs			
Activity WSCs $\frac{10}{25.5}$ + Revenue WSCs $\frac{15.5}{25.5}$ = Base WSCs $\frac{30.5}{25.5}$ = EAS Grant	ade <u>A</u>		
Previous Evaluation: EAS Grade <u>FPM 5</u> 3			
Effective Date for Change in Service Hours: (if appropriate) (when a vacancy exists, hours must reflect the appropriate EAS grade.)			
Worksheet completed by: Bedly Pursley Printed name P.O. Review Cardinatur Title Date Property Pursley Signature Date			

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Survey of Incoming Mail	ITEM
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Post Office Name and ZIP+4: Mitchellille, TN 31119-9998

Dates Recorded: 6-9-09 through 6-22-09

(Record in Pieces)

	Letters		Fla		Pa	rcels	Other
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TOTALS	-					10	
Daily	24.9	9.2	3.6	5.8	, 58	.83	
Average			\	9.3		1,4	

Signature of Person Making Count:

Printed Name: <u>Evelyn Dangerfield</u>

Conversion Rate

Letter Type	Total Pieces Per Foot	Flat Type	Total Pieces Per Foot
Manual Letters	227	Manual Flats	115
Automated Letters	215	Automated Flats	115
Sequenced Letters	227	Sequenced Flats	115

Note: Conversion rates are subject to periodic updates which will be published and disseminated when applicable.

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Post Office Name and ZIP+4: Mitchelville, TN 37119-9998

Dates Recorded: 6-8-9 through 6-20-09

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August 12, 2009

POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DISCONTINUANCE OF POST OFFICE

The Postal Service is currently conducting an investigation concerning the possible discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office, 37119-9998 located in Sumner County. Please search your records for any recent reports of mail theft or vandalism in the area.

Please return your findings in the enclosed envelope. You may use the bottom of this form to report your findings, accompanied by your signature, title, and date.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

DUMY PMILLY
Becky Fursley
Post Office Review Coordinator

Enclosure: Return Envelope

No records of mail theft or vandalism		
Comments/Findings:		
Signature:	Title:	
Date:		



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Bob Barker Sheriff 117 W. Smith Street Jail Gallatin, TN 37066

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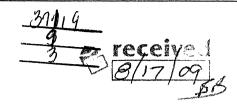
Becky Pursley
Post Office Review Coordinator

Enclosure: Return Envelope

No records of mail theft or vandalism				
Comments/Findings:		•		
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Date:				



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Becky Pursley Becky Pursley Post Office Review Coordinator
Enclosure: Return Envelope

No records of mail theft or vandalism
Comments/Findings: Utel is from January 09 to
the present.
Signature: Middle Mittle Corel

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Post Office Survey Sheet

Post	Office Name:	tchellville		_ ZIP + 4: <u>37/19-</u> 92	998
Cong	gressional District:	6		Date: <u>6-22-09</u>	
1.	water or restrooms (if to consider.	so, where restrooms	are available), security,	s, safety hazards, lack of ru and other deficiencies or fa	unning actors
	ostructural c	lefects or of	her deficenci	<i>es</i>	
2.	Is the facility accessib	le to persons with disa	abilities? <u>ye.5</u>		
3.	Lease terms? 30-day	cancellation clause?	Thave no copy of led for 5 years with	no 30-day option.	ing
4.			an independent Post Of		
5.	List potential CPO site	es. Portland	TV 37148 - 9	miks	
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8.	by discontinuance? W	/ill a collection box be	retained? Will a locked	•	l
Mail	as received + disp	patched by HCRO	river. If that we	re discontinued we	
Woul	d have no mail in	or out or would	be delivered by 3	iome other means	
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will	be utilized				

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Post Office Survey Sheet (Continued)

How	many Post Office boxes are installed? many Post Office boxes are used? t are the window service hours?	25 18 General Delivery 18 + 8 General Delivery 9:00 - 11:00 Am 12:00 - 2:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM S
What	are the lobby hours?	<u>Same</u> M-F
9.	,	theft or vandalism reported to the postmaster/OIC? Explain.
10.		ot owned by the Postal Service (e.g., Post Office boxes,
11.	List potential CBU/parcel locker sites a	and distances from present Post Office site.
12. The On	have infirmities or physical handicaps.)	? (People who cannot read or write, who cannot drive or who How can these people be accommodated? Fill out their meney orders pand Ftake the mail out to him ese people could be accommodated.
13.	Rural delivery/HCR delivery.	<i>y</i>
	a. What is current evaluation?	
	b. Will this change result in the route b	eing overburdened? Yes 🗌 No 🗌
	If so, what accommodations will be	made to adjust the route?
	c. How many boxes and miles will be a	added to the route?
	d. What would be the additional annua	I expense if the route is increased?
	e. What is the one-time cost of CBU/pa	arcel locker installation (if appropriate)?
	·	rier begin delivery to the community?
	•	the office is discontinued? Yes No
	If so, how?	
14.	Are the Post Office box fees at the facilithe office to be discontinued? If so, ho	ity that will provide alternate service different from those at w? I had leve they are the same

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Community Survey Sheet

Post	Office Name: Mitchellvill	le		ZIP + 4: <u>37//9</u> -	.9998
Cong	ressional District:			Date: 612-09	<u> </u>
1.	Incorporated? Yes ⊠	No 🗌		•	
	Local government provided by: Police protection provided by: Fire protection provided by: School location: Partle	Sumner C City of	Bounty Sheriff	's Dept.	
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Cost Analysis

Postmaster minimum salary	\$24,482.00
Fringe Befits 33.5%	8,201.00
Rental costs, excluding utilities	3,600.00
Total annual costs	\$32,683.00
Less estimated cost of replacement service	0
Total annual savings	\$36,283.00

A one-time expense of \$1299.54 will be incurred for installation of NDCBUs and parcel lockers. Rural delivery already serves this area so there is no cost for replacement service.

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POST OFFICE CLOS		LIDATION PROPOSAL	11101	
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4. District	5. County	mner	6. Congressional District	
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c. City Delivery		b. Newspapers	q	0
d. Rural Delivery/Intermediate Rural Delivery		c. Parcels		0
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f. Total →	24	e. Total →	44	
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REVENUE TREND (Three or more years)

<u>Year</u>	Revenue	Revenue Units
FY -> 2008	9680.00	20
FY <> 2007	8566	24
FY <> 2004	4098,21	22
2005 .	84 43. 39	25



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August 14, 2009

Sandra Quick **Manager Post Office Operations** 525 Royal Parkway Nashville, TN 37230-9751

Subject: Mitchellville Post Office

As you are aware, we have been studying the office for possible discontinuance with the decline in mail volume and revenue.

The Portland Post Office is 5 miles away. There are ample post office boxes available. The postmaster position is vacant and there are no other career employees. There is an estimated savings of \$32,683.00.

Considering all data gathered, I recommend proceeding with the discontinuance study of the Mitchellville Post Office.

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July 29, 2009

OIC/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: Mitchellville Post Office

Enclosed are questionnaires addressed to customers of the Mitchellville Post Office. I have also enclosed additional copies of the questionnaires for any retail or other customer who wishes to complete one. Please furnish these questionnaires to retail customers upon request. All completed forms should be forwarded to my office by August 14, 2009 for further review.

Enclosures

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July 29, 2009

Dear Postal Customer:

As the postal manager responsible for all post offices in your area, I would like your opinion concerning a possible change in the way your postal service is provided. The recommended change is tentative and will not lead to a formal proposal unless we conclude that it will provide a maximum degree of regular and effective service.

The postmaster at the Mitchellville post office was promoted on June 25, 2005. A review of the business activities of the post office revealed that the office workload has declined. Our office review revealed an average of six daily retail window transactions. This reduced workload suggests that the maintenance of an independent office at Mitchellville may not be warranted.

Briefly, we would like to provide pickup and delivery of your mail, as well as the sale of stamps and all other customary postal services, to a roadside mailbox. This service would be performed by a rural route and would involve closing our operation at the Mitchellville Post Office.

We estimate that rural route carrier service would cost the Postal Service substantially less than maintaining the Post Office in your community and still provide regular and effective service. Enclosed is information about some of the services available from the carrier. Retail services are also available at the Portland Post Office, located five miles away. Hours of service at this office are 8:00am - 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, and 9:00am - 12:00pm on Saturday. Post Office box service is available at this location. Post Office boxes are accessible 24 hours.

If you would like to provide input into a decision to permanently change to rural route service, please return the enclosed questionnaire by August 14, 2009, using the pre-addressed envelope provided. Please be aware that, if we formalize a proposal, your questionnaire will become part of an official record and will be available for public viewing.

If you would like to discuss this form of service with us, a postal representative will be at Mitchellville General Baptist Church Fellowship Hall located at 603 Hwy.259 on August 11, 2009 at 5:00pm to answer questions and provide information about our service. You may wish to discuss and submit your questionnaire at that time or later. The enclosure entitled "United States Postal Service Summary of Post Office Change Regulations" describes what is involved in making a formal proposal if a permanent change in postal service appears warranted.

If you have any questions, you may call Sandra K Quick at 615-885-9109.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Sandra K Quick

Manager, Post Office Operations

811 Royal Pkwy

Nashville, TN 37229-9751

Enclosures:

Questionnaire and return envelope

Summary of Post Office Change Regulations

Carrier delivery information



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е	. Picking up general delivery mail					
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b.	Resetting/using postage meter	Yes 🗌	No			
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a.	Picking up government forms (such as tax forms)	Yes 🗌	No			
b.	Using for school bus stop	Yes 🗌	No			
C.	Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc.	Yes 🗌	No			
If :	yes, please explain:					
 d.	Using public bulletin board	Yes 🗌	No			anning a, Menuta and Ala
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Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



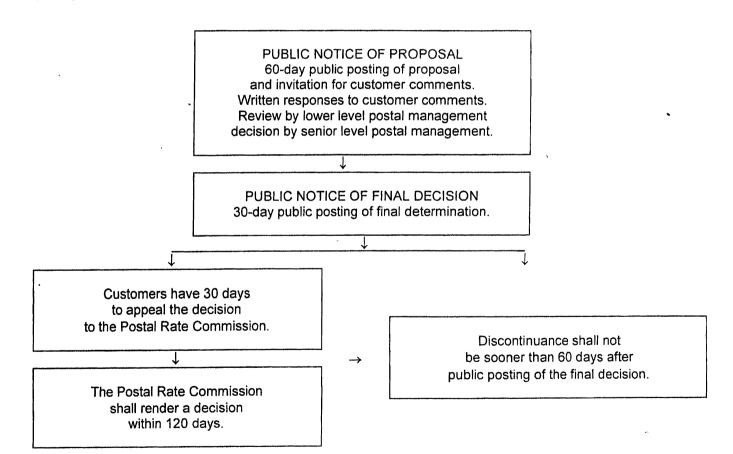
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SUMMARY OF POST OFFICE CHANGE REGULA

Certain regulations based on federal law apply when postal managers propose to replace a Post Office with an alternate form of postal service. These regulations are designed to ensure that the reasons for proposing such changes in postal service are fully disclosed at a stage when customers can make helpful contributions toward a final decision. The full text of the statutory provisions appears in Title 39, *United States Code*, Section 404(b), while the implementing regulations appear in Title 39, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 241.3.

According to implementing regulations, an initial investigation and any subsequent formal proposal to discontinue a Post Office originate with postal field managers responsible for Post Offices in that area. The proposal must explain the services recommended as substitutes and the rationale that supports this recommendation. The written proposal is prominently posted for 60 days at affected Post Offices, along with an "Invitation for Comments," which formally invites customer comments. At the end of the 60-day comment period, additional review is made at lower and upper levels of postal management.

When a final decision is made at Postal Headquarters in Washington, DC, that decision is posted in affected Post Offices for 30 days, during which customers may appeal the decision to the Postal Rate Commission in Washington, DC. The Postal Rate Commission has 120 days to consider and decide an appeal. Even without an appeal, no Post Office may be closed sooner than 60 days after the public posting of the final decision.





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POST OFFICE ON WHEELS SERVICES AVAILABLE FROM RURAL A HIGHWAY CONTRACT ROUTE CARRIERS

You can eliminate almost all trips to the Post Office, because doing business with the Postal Service is as close as your mailbox. The carrier can provide virtually all postal services to you, and most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Some of the most frequently used services are:

MAILING PACKAGES

Carriers will accept packages at the mailbox without a customer being present, provided the postage is fully prepaid, and the customer is known to reside or conduct business at that collection point. The package MUST have a matching return address that is the same as the collection point. If postage has not been applied, estimate the amount of postage needed and leave the money in the mailbox. If insurance is desired, the value of the contents must be specified. The carrier will take the package to the Post Office, and it will be weighed to determine the appropriate rate. The package will be mailed that same day. The carrier will leave the customer's change and insurance receipt, if appropriate, in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using Form 3227-R, *Stamp Purchase Order (Rural)*, available from the Post Office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp-collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the United States Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the Post Office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders will be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as Certified, Registered, Express Mail, Delivery Confirmation, Signature Confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the Post Office during their absence. Upon return, the customer asks the Post Office to resume delivery.

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b. Mailing letters				A		
c. Mailing parcels					恩	
d. Picking up Post Office box mail						
e. Picking up general delivery mail						
f. Buying money orders					×	
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Confirmation						
h. Sending Express Mail						
Buying stamp-collecting material						
Other postal services:						
a. Entering permit mailings	Yes		No			
b. Resetting/using postage meter	Yes		No			
Nonpostal Services					1	
Picking up government forms (such as tax forms)	Yes		No			
b. Using for school bus stop	Yes		No			
 Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. 	Yes		No			
If yes, please explain:						
d. Using public bulletin board	Yes		No		/	
e. Other	Yes		No			
If yes, please explain:						



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Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

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August 12, 2009

H. Brown and Son 1208 North Church Street Portland, TN 37148

Dear Postal Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

If it is determined that a discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office should be pursued, a formal proposal will be posted in the Mitchellville and Portland Post Offices at a later date. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact Sandra Quick at 615-885-9109.

Sincerely,

Sandra Quick

Manager, Post Office Operations

811 Royal Parkway

Nashville, TN 37229-9751



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h.	Sending Express Mail						Ø
i.	Buying stamp-collecting material						
0	ther postal services:						
a.	Entering permit mailings	Yes		No			
b.	Resetting/using postage meter	Yes		No			
No	onpostal Services					•	
a.	Picking up government forms (such as tax forms)	Yes		No			
b.	Using for school bus stop	Yes		No			
c.	Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc.	Yes		No			
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2.	Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs? Yes No No If yes, which offices:
3.	If you now receive carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service - proceed to question 4. If you currently receive Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section.
	How do you think carrier route delivery service to a rural mailbox near your home would compare with your present service?
	Better ☐ Just as Good ☐ No Opinion ☑ Worse ☐
	Please explain:
4.	For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services? Shopping Personal needs
	Banking .
	Social needs V
5.	Do you currently use local businesses in the community? Yes No
	If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued? Yes No No Multiplication lands and the post office is discontinued?
Nar	me: Michelle Fates (please print your name)
Add	tress: 319 Woods Rd. Mitchellville, TN Portland, TN.
Tele	ephone number: 45-562-2701 Date: 4.5-09

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Michelle Bates PO Box 6 Mitchellville, TN 37119

Dear Postal Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

If it is determined that a discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office should be pursued, a formal proposal will be posted in the Mitchellville and Portland Post Offices at a later date. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact Sandra Quick at 615-885-9109.

Sincerely,

Sandra Quick

Manager, Post Office Operations

811 Royal Parkway

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If yes, please explain:						
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	Social needs
5.	Do you currently use local businesses in the community?
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	If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?
Nar	me: Martha Andrews (olease print your name)
Ado	dress: 1009 west main St Mitchellville TW
Tel	ephone number: <u>775-5969</u> Date: <u>7/3//09</u> 37//

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Martha Andrews 1009 West Main St. Mitchellville, TN 37119

Dear Postal Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the other businesses, churches, and residences in town.

If it is determined that a discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office should be pursued, a formal proposal will be posted in the Mitchellville and Portland Post Offices at a later date. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact Sandra Quick at 615-885-9109.

Sincerely,

Sandra Quick

Manager, Post Office Operations

811 Royal Parkway

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Postal Customer Questionnaire

1. F f	Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the Mitchellville Post Office for each of the ollowing:				
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J. Bigbee 317 Woods Road Mitchellville, TN 37119

Dear Postal Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer need.

If it is determined that a discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office should be pursued, a formal proposal will be posted in the Mitchellville and Portland Post Offices at a later date. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact Sandra Quick at 615-885-9109.

Sincerely,

Sandra Quick Manager, Post Office Operations 811 Royal Parkway Nashville, TN 37229-9751



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Other postal services:				
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Harlin Wix PO Box 12 Mitchellville, TN 37119

Dear Postal Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

Courteous and helpful service will be provided by personnel at the Portland Post Office and from the carrier. Special assistance will be provided as needed.

If it is determined that a discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office should be pursued, a formal proposal will be posted in the Mitchellville and Portland Post Offices at a later date. If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact Sandra Quick at 615-885-9109.

Sincerely,

Sandra Quick

Manager, Post Office Operations

811 Royal Parkway

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Postal Customer Questionnai:

Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the Mitchellville Post Office for each of the following: **Postal Services** Daily Weekly Monthly Never a. Buying stamps b. Mailing letters c. Mailing parcels П \Box d. Picking up Post Office box mail X e. Picking up general delivery mail X f. Buying money orders g. Obtaining special services, including Certified mail, Registered mail, Insured mail, Delivery Confirmation, or Signature Confirmation h. Sending Express Mail \Box i. Buying stamp-collecting material Other postal services: a. Entering permit mailings Yes 🗌 X No b. Resetting/using postage meter Yes X No **Nonpostal Services** a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) Yes 🗌 No Yes 🗌 b. Using for school bus stop No c. Assisting senior citizens, Yes persons with disabilities, etc. No If yes, please explain:

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Larry Draper PO Box 11 Mitchellville, TN 37119

Dear Postal Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Carrier pickup are available for customer convenience. Verification with the Postal Inspection Service and local law enforcement officials revealed very few recent reports of mail theft or vandalism in the area.

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Sincerely,

Sandra Quick

Manager, Post Office Operations

811 Royal Parkway

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James A. Brown PO Box 10 Mitchellville, TN 37119

Dear Postal Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

Customers are not required to travel to another Post Office to receive mail or obtain retail service. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customer's residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing the the Portland postmaster.

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Sincerely,

Sandra Quick

Manager, Post Office Operations

811 Royal Parkway



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b. Resetting/using postage meter	Yes		No				
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Cory Denning PO Box 4 Mitchellville, TN 37119

Dear Postal Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

The top priority of the Postal Service is to provide mail service in the most efficient manner possible because all of our costs are reflected in postage rates customers must pay. Delivery costs are one our biggest expenses, so you can be assured that careful thought are given to the structure of each route.

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Sincerely,

Sandra Quick Manager, Post Office Operations 811 Royal Parkway Nashville, TN 37229-9751

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Mitchellville Historical Society PO Box 22 Mitchellville, TN 37119

Dear Postal Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

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Sincerely,

Sandra Quick

Manager, Post Office Operations

811 Royal Parkway



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Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the Mitchellville Post Office for each of the following: **Postal Services** Daily Weekly Monthly Never a. Buying stamps b. Mailing letters W П c. Mailing parcels \Box d. Picking up Post Office box mail \Box e. Picking up general delivery mail f. Buying money orders g. Obtaining special services, including occasional Certified mail, Registered mail, Insured mail, Delivery Confirmation, or Signature Confirmation h. Sending Express Mail i. Buying stamp-collecting material Other postal services: a. Entering permit mailings Yes \square No b. Resetting/using postage meter Yes 🗌 No **Nonpostal Services** a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) Yes 🗌 No b. Using for school bus stop Yes 🗌 No c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. Yes 🗌 No If yes, please explain: ___ The city of mitchelluille uses the post office for city notices etc. Yes 🔯 d. Using public bulletin board e. Other Yes 🗌 No If yes, please explain: __

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Dear Mes Quick, My name is Darlene Soad, a Live appray 2,000 geet grow the Mitchelluille Post office, but a have a 1110 West Main Street, Portland, Tr. address , which was due to 911 change several years ago, 2 am 5½ meles from Portland but as you see a have a West Main Street Poltanol address. Deedless to say EMS sheriff salemen, UP5 realities atc Lave trouble gending My gamily has 5 generations that have used or is currently using the Post Office at Mitchellullo, at is a valuable asset to our small community. Everyone in our city lemits did not get a survey letter and a believe il so a community past office not just gas the 21 po box menbers that are post. Our som town is unique and we geel, we are not the cause of all the loss of gundo of the Post offers. We are not the reason for past mistakes,

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That has gotten the Postal Service in distress. We are a conservative town, and historially asked very little from our government. We applied for a sever grant because van sewage was glaaterig down our streets, when it caned, and Wednesieved a small fine dept. grand Other town and ceties are hoggest about vanting government hand outs, but not us. We make do with what we have The small and of change that it would take to leave our past offer apen is a mere - speck to the big puture, and closing us down will not solve yalls problems. Where else in the United States is there a partoffice as small an unique as ours Dame I other past office where it is a small historial post office in the front of the building none and tobacco is stripped in the back. The post officet mitchellvelle is the last small drop of blood left in ou town We are in orperated yet us have last our mitchellul address (dus +0911) We have last our voting precint.

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Dar Our give hydrants have been taken away our school was closed, our only store clased and our Post Office is ALL we have left in our ting lown De you look up the name Mh Seorge Cokei in you records you will see if my memory is correct that he waked for the Postal Service ga many years and never took a varation. He was also a unique gellow and a treasure to our town. The died pron come severl years ago and is still vaker made sairfires or will ever ha be as dedicated as Mi Serge Corker. Take his act of Kindess and past it along and help theep our only business open Thank you for your time on reading this letter Sincerly Darlere Good

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August 17, 2009

Darlene Goad 1110 West Main Portland, TN 37148

Dear Postal Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

Post Offices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Mitchellville and ZIP Code in addresses. Meetings may be held at the community center. The community center can also provide a site for residents to gather, socialize, and share information.

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Sincerely.

Sandra Quick Manager, Post Office Operations 811 Royal Parkway Nashville, TN 37229-9751



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1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the Mitchellville Post Office for each of the following:

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d. Picking up Post Office box mail				72
e. Picking up general delivery mail				4
f. Buying money orders				7
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Deborah Cassetty 1315 North Church Street Portland, TN 37148

Dear Postal Customer:

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Sincerely,

Sandra Quick

Manager, Post Office Operations

811 Royal Parkway



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Parnell Brown 1206 North Church Street Portland, TN 37148

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811 Royal Parkway



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Dorothy Sweatt 350 Woods Road Portland, TN 37148

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August 24, 2009

John Shelton PO Box 3 Mitchellville, TN 37119

Dear Postal Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

Customers are not required to travel to another Post Office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customers' residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the Portland postmaster.

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It is my understanding that the Mitchellville Post Office is one of the oldest in the state, It is about the only community gathering place left in the tiny cit when the new exit ramps 5 years, that the community will grow and change for better or worse and more postal services will be required. I request that the facility remain

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August 24, 2009

Richard W. Cummings PO Box 14 Mitchellville, TN 37119

Dear Postal Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

Verification with the Postal Inspection Service revealed very few recent reports of mail theft or vandalism in the area. Customers may place a lock on their mailboxes. The mailbox must have a slot large enough to accommodate the customer's normal daily mail volume. The Postal Service does not open mailboxes which are locked and does not accept keys for this purpose. Post Offices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. When there is a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.

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Postal Customer Questionnaire Analysis

Questionnaires were distributed to all delivery customers of the Mitchellville Post Office on 07-29-2009. Additionally, questionnaires were available at the Mitchellville Post Office to walk-in retail customers during the survey period.

•	rumber of Questionnaires	
	Total questionnaires distributed	24
	Favorable to proposal	
	Unfavorable to proposal	10
	Expressing no opinion	6
	Total questionnaires received	16

B. Postal Concerns

The following postal concerns were expressed:

1. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about senior citizens.

Response: Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service.

2. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about the loss of a gathering place and an information center.

Response: Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the other businesses, churches and residences in town.

Concern: Customers were concerned about having to travel to another Post Office for service.

Response: Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Carrier pickup are available for customer convenience.

4. Concern: Customers were concerned about mail security.

Response: Verification with the Postal Inspection Service and local law enforcement officials revealed very few recent reports of mail theft or vandalism in the area.

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5. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for those customers PAGE able to Portland to pick up their mail.

Response: Customers are not required to travel to another Post Office to receive mail of obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customer's residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the Portland Postmaster.

6. Concern: The time of day the mail would be delivered.

Response: The top priority of the Postal Service is to provide mail service in the most efficient manner possible because all of our costs are reflected in postage rates customers must pay. Delivery costs are on of our biggest expenses, so you can be assured that careful thought is given to the structure of each route.

7. **Concern:** Afraid the community would loose their identity.

Response: A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name.

8. Concern: Customers were concerned about senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

Response: Courteous and helpful service will be provided by personnel at the Portland Post Office and from the carrier. Special assistance will be provided as needed.

9. Concern: The loss of a gathering place.

Response: The community center can also provide a site for residents to gather, socialize, and share information.

10. Concern: Customers asked why their Post Office was being reviewed.

Response: Post offices are reviewed on a case-by basis. When there is a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.

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Community Meeting Roster

Postal Service Representatives (Names	Date:_	08/11/2009	
Sandra Quick MPOO .		Time:_	5:00PM
Becky Pursley PO Review Coordinator	Ed Shear		
Fred Peterson - Mgr of DPS			æ
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Doulene Soad	21110 West portland	37/48	325-9861
Vandin 1/1 milin			
Rechard Cums			
Kathy Cunmer of			
Carol Draper	P.O. Box / Mitchelville	37119	
Sara Manally	403 Coken Ford Rd	37148	
Kep. Mike Manal	1695 A.B.WADE RD.	37/48	
Harry Trapel	P.O. Box 11 Mitchelville	37119	
Jan Walter	581 Havy 259	37148	
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Postal Service Representatives (Names and Titles):

Community Meeting Roster

Sandra Quick MPOO		_ Time:	5:00PM
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Community Meeting Analysis

Postal Concerns

1. Concern: The people of the community expressed concern over keeping the PO in Mitchellville what could they do to maintain it?

Response: Explained the drop of mail volume and window transactions that has occurred with in the Postal Service and at the Mitchellville PO.

2. Concern: If the study of discontinuance is pursued will the blue collection box be maintained in Mitchellville?

Response: Yes the collection box can be maintained in Mitchellville.

3. Concern: The customers felt the lack of hours the PO was opened has caused a decrease in window transactions.

Response: It was explained the reason for the reduced hours was because of the lack of mail volume and window transactions that occur at the Mitchellville PO.

4. Concern: What provisions would be made for the people of Mitchellville who cannot read or write?

Response: Services offered at Mitchellville will be made available at the Portland PO and from the carrier.

5. Concern: Security of the NDCBU's

Response: There are regular intervals of checking and maintaining boxes in place with the Portland PO. Maintenance of the NDCBU's is maintained by the USPS.

6. Concern: The Mitchellville PO is the glue that holds the community together.

Response: Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the churches, community center, and other residences in town.

7. Concern: PO is with in walking distance of the residents in Mitchellville.

Response: Everyone cannot have a PO with in walking distance of their home.

8. Concern: Who makes the final determination in the decision of Mitchellville?

Response: Headquarter will review all the information about the Mitchellville PO along with the PRC.



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There were no petitions received.

Becky Pursley PO Review Coordinator 60



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August 28, 2009

Memo to the Record

There were no Congressional inquiries received.

Becky Pursley PO Review Coordinator

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PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

Section I	Responsiveness to Community Postal Needs
/	Tell what we are doing and why.
<u> </u>	Is reason for discontinuance justified and documented in the record?
NIA	If suspended, what type of alternate service customers are now receiving?
	Reason for vacancy and information on postmaster/OIC
	Number of customers and type of service they received and will receive. Hours of service, daily window transaction average, number of permit mailers, and postage meter users.
	Last three fiscal years of revenue and revenue units.
	Decline in service workload/reduction in EAS level, if appropriate. Nearest Post Office, office level, miles away, hours of service, number of Post Office boxes available.
	Administrative/emanating office – office level, miles away, hours of service, number of Post Office boxes available. If the nearby/administrative Post Office has a different Post Office box fee
	schedule, this is stated in the proposal.
	Preproposal activities – questionnaires: number of favorable, unfavorable and no opinion responses must equal the total number of questionnaires returned. List customer concerns and Postal Service responses. Community meeting. Number of customers who attended, customer concerns, and Postal Service responses.
	Information on petitions and congressional inquiries included with Postal
NIA	Service responses. Revised proposal states dates and locations the proposal was posted for 60 days. Number of comments received, customer concerns and Postal Service responses.
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	Any other pertinent information concerning postal needs.
Section II	Effect on the Community
	Brief background of area, community government, population, etc. Number of businesses, religious institutions, schools, local government offices, social organizations, etc.
	Was Post Office used as meeting place?
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Were government forms available at the Post Office?

Did Post Office provide assistance to senior citizens, persons with disabilities,

etc.?

What is the historical value of office?

Is an address change necessary?

Will the community identity be preserved?

What are the growth trends (flat, up, down)?

Any other nonpostal items identified.

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Effect on Employees



Paragraph explaining about postmaster vacancy/OIC/other career and noncareer employees of the office. If a postmaster or other employees are reassigned this must be explained and tell whether the reassignments are voluntary.

Section IV

Economic Savings



A statement of annual savings includes a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster minimum salary	EAS - 55	*\$	24,482.00
Fringe benefits 33.5%	EPM		8,201.47
Rental costs, excluding utilities			3,600.00
Total annual costs		\$	36, 283.00
Less estimated cost of replacement service		-	O
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Does postmaster salary reflect the current office evaluation?

Section V

Other Factors



The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration (if appropriate). List other factors as appropriate.

Other factors when replacement service is a CPO.



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Section VI Summary



The proposal must include a brief summary that explains why the closing or consolidation is necessary and an assessment of how those factors supporting the need for change outweigh any negative factors. In taking competing considerations into account, the need to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular service must be paramount.

Section VII Notices



Appropriate notice is made that this is a proposal and not a final determination. If a final determination is made to discontinue the office, information on the appeal process will be provided at that time.

Checklist completed by:

Macky Phiroley

Date: <u>(8/28/2009)</u>

Reviewed and certified by:

(District Post Office Review Coordinator)

Date

08/28/2009



September 1, 2009

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SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY 475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW RM 10804 WASHINGTON DC 20260-3500

SUBJECT:

Posting of the Proposal to Close

the Mitchellville Post Office

Docket No. 37119

This is to advise you that on September 17, 2009, I will post for public comment a proposal to close the Mitchellville Post Office in Sumner, Congressional District No. 6.

If you have any questions, please call Becky Pursley, PO Review Coordinator at 931-728-8546 or Sandra Quick, MPOO at 615-885-9109.

District Manager

Customer Service and Sales

Tennessee District

cc: Manager, Customer Service Operations

Enclosures: Form 4920

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September 1, 2009

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT:

Letter of Instructions Regarding Posting of

the Mitchellville, TN Proposal

Docket No. 37119

Please post the enclosed proposal to close the Mitchellville Post Office in the lobby. The proposal must be posted in a prominent place from September 17, 2009 through close of business on November 16, 2009. The posting must last at least 60 days and the first day does not count.

Round-date stamp the cover of the proposal on the date of posting and on the date of removal. Also, post the "Invitation for Comments" next to the proposal and round-date it in the same manner.

Additional copies of the proposal and comment forms are enclosed. Provide them to customers upon request.

Also enclosed is the official record on which this proposal is based. Customers may read it; however, they may not remove it from your office. When a customer requests a copy of the record, provide it upon payment of any fees prescribed in Administrative Support Manual, Section 352.6. If you do not have photocopy equipment, take the customer's name, address, and telephone number and contact the district for a copy of the record.

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Post Office Review Coordinator

TN District

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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Becky Pursley 1601 Hillsboro Blvd. Manchester, TN 37355-9998

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Sandra K. Quick Manager, Post Office Operations 811 Royal Parkway Nashville, TN 37229-9751

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Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Mitchellville Post Office.

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Name of Postal Customer

Mailing Address

City, State, and ZIP Code

Signature of Postal Customer

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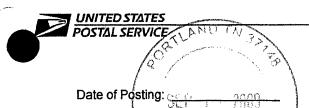
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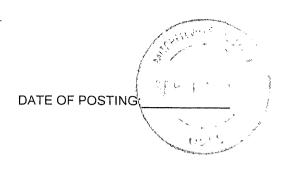
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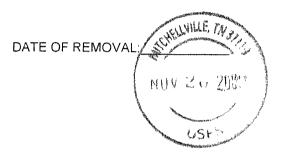
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PROPOSAL TO CLOSE

THE MITCHELLVILLE, TN POST OFFICE

AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE

RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

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The Postal Service is proposing to close the Mitchellville, TN, Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by a rural route administered by the Portland Post Office, located five miles away. Customers wishing to maintain their current PO Box number and Mitchellville for the last line of the address would be provided a NDCBU unit provided by the Postal Service.

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The Mitchellville Post Office, an EPM-55 level office, provides service 22 hours a week from 9:00am to 11:00am and 12:00pm to 2:00pm, Monday through Friday, and 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Saturday to 18 Post Office box and eight general delivery customers. Retail services include the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered, Certified, Insured, Delivery Confirmation, Signature Confirmation, COD, and Express Mail; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail. Daily retail window transactions average six. Office receipts for the last three years were: \$9680.00 (26 revenue units) in FY2008; \$8566.00 (24 revenue units) in FY 2007, and \$7698.21 (22 revenue units) in FY2006. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

When this proposal is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by rural delivery emanating from the Portland Post Office, an EAS-20 level office. Window service hours at Portland are from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, and 9:00am to 12:00pm on Saturday. There are 311 Post Office boxes available.

On August 11, 2009, representatives from the Postal Service were available at Mitchellville General Baptist Church to answer questions and provide information to customers. Twenty customers attended the meeting.

On June 29, 2009, 26 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Mitchellville Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at Mitchellville. Sixteen questionnaires were returned. Ten unfavorable and six expressed no opinion regarding the proposed alternate service.

There were no congressional inquiries or petitions received.

The following postal concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting, and from customer letters.

Concern: Shipping of eBay packages was also a concern.

Response: Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Carrier pickup are available for customer convenience.

Concern: The community's loss of identity.

Response: A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name.

Concern: The people of the community expressed concern over keeping the Post Office in Mitchellville and what could they do to maintain it?

Response: Explained the drop of mail volume and window transactions that has occurred within the Postal Service and at the Mitchellville Post Office.

Concern: If the study of discontinuance is pursued will the blue collection box be maintained in Mitchellville?

Response: Yes the collection box can be maintained in Mitchellville.

Concern: The customers felt the lack of hours the Post Office was opened has caused a decrease in window transactions.

Response: It was explained the reason for the reduced hours was because of the lack of mail volume and window transactions that occur at the Mitchellville Post Office.

Concern: Security of the NDCBU's

Response: There are regular intervals of checking and maintaining boxes in place with the Portland PO. Maintenance of the NDCBU's is maintained by the USPS.

Concern: The Mitchellville PO is the glue that holds the community together.

Response: Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the churches, community center, and other residences in town.

Concern: Who makes the final determination in the decision of Mitchellville?

Response: Headquarters and the PRC will review all the information concerning the Mitchellville PO and they will make the final determination.

Concern: Customers were concerned about senior citizens.

Response: Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service.

Concern: Customers were concerned about having to travel to another Post Office for service.

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Concern: Customers were concerned about mail security.

Response: Verification with the Postal Inspection Service and local law enforcement officials revealed very few recent reports of mail theft or vandalism in the area.

Concern: Customers expressed concern for those customers with disabilities who are not able to Portland to pick up their mail.

Response: Customers are not required to travel to another Post Office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customer's residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an

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extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the Portland Postmaster.

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Concern: The time of day the mail would be delivered.

Response: The top priority of the Postal Service is to provide mail service in the most efficient manner possible because all of our costs are reflected in postage rates customers must pay. Delivery costs are on of our biggest expenses, so you can be assured that careful thought is given to the structure of each route.

Concern: Customers asked why their Post Office was being reviewed:

Response: Post offices are reviewed on a case-by basis. When there is a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.

Some advantages of a carrier service proposal are:

- Carrier delivery service is beneficial to some senior citizens, the handicapped, and working people since customers will no longer need to travel to the Post Office to pick up their mail.
- 2. The carrier provides retail services, alleviating the need to go to the Post Office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
- 3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
- 5. Customers opting for carrier service will no longer have to pay Post Office box fees.
- 6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages to a carrier service proposal are:

- 1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community.
- Need to meet the carrier at the mailbox to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most postal transactions.
- 3. Customers who want Post Office box service at the Portland Post Office will experience a Post Office box fee increase. However, free service is available through carrier delivery.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Mitchellville is an incorporated rural community located in Sumner County. The community is administered politically by a city form of government. Police protection is provided by Sumner County Sheriff. Fire protection is provided by Mitchellville Volunteer Fire Department. The community is comprised of retired people, farmers, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

There are three religious institutions in the community. Businesses include: Brown Heating and Air Conditioning, The Wood Shop, and MSG Supply. Residents travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Non-postal services provided at the Mitchellville Post Office will be available at the Portland Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Portland Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

There were no non-postal concerns expressed on the returned questionnaires or at the community meeting.

Based on information the Postal Service obtained, it was determined that there has been minimal growth in the area in recent years. Carrier service is expected to be able to handle any future growth in the community.

To help preserve community identity, the community's name and the ZIP Code will be retained in the mailing address. It will continue to be listed in the *National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory*.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster was promoted on June 25, 2005. The non-career OIC will return to her position as a PMR at a neighboring office. No other postal employee will be adversely affected.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$36,283.00 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EPM-55, Minimum) Fringe Benefits @33.5% Rental Costs, Excluding Utilities	\$24,482.00 8201.47 +3600.00
Total Annual Costs Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	36,283.00 <u>-0</u>
Total Annual Savings	\$36,283.00

A one-time expense of \$1299.54 will be incurred for installation of NDCBUs and parcel lockers. Rural delivery from Portland already serves this area so there is no cost for replacement service.

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

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Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outwelgh the disadvantages and this proposal is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Mitchellville and Portland Post Offices during normal office hours.
- B. This is a proposal. It is not a final determination to close this Post Office. If a final determination is made to close this Post Office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Rate Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.

Manager Post Office Operations

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APPLICABLE LAW PROHIBITS ANY CUSTOMER OR POSTAL EMPLOYEE FROM MAKING CHANGES TO OR ADDING OR REMOVING PAGES FROM THIS OFFICIAL DOCUMENT, THE POSTING OF WHICH IS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW.

IF CHANGES ARE NECESSARY, PLEASE CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PERSON AND ADVISE WHAT CHANGES ARE NEEDED.

NAME:

Becky Pursley

ADDRESS:

1601 Hillsboro Blvd.

Manchester, TN 37355

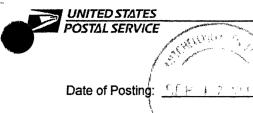
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Sincerely.

Sandra K. Quick Manager, Post Office Operations 811 Royal Parkway Nashville, TN 37229-9751

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NOTICE OF TAKING PROPOSAL AND COMMENTS UNDER INTERNAL CONSIDERATION

Date: November 20, 2009

Postal Customers of the Mitchellville Post Office:

The Postal Service appreciates receiving the views of those of you who submitted comments on the proposal to close the Mitchellville Post Office, which was posted September 17, 2009 through November 20, 2009. These comments will be considered carefully as the matter is reviewed further in my office and at higher levels within the Postal Service.

When a final decision is made by the Postal Service that decision will be posted in place of this notice. If the decision is to approve the proposal, any customer of the Mitchellville Post Office who disagrees will have the right to appeal that decision to the Postal Rate Commission in Washington, D.C.

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Manager Post Office Operations 525 Royal Parkway

Nashville, TN 37230-9761

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November 23, 2009

Corey Denning PO Box 4 Mitchellville, TN 37119

Dear Mr. Denning:

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Sincerely,

Manager, Post Office Operations 811 Royal Parkway

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Darlene Goad 110 West Main Street Portland, TN 37148

Dear Ms. Goad:

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III. Other Comments Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

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Workload at the Mitchellville Post Office has seen a drastic decline in mail volume along with retail revenue; however, the small number of customers served and minimal number of daily transactions conducted, indicates that rural route delivery to a NDCBU unit will continue to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular service to the Mitchellville community.

The Mitchellville Post Office, an EPM-55 level office, provides service 22 hours a week from 9:00am to 11:00am and 12:00pm to 2:00pm, Monday through Friday, and 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Saturday to 18 Post Office box and eight general delivery customers. Retail services include the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered, Certified, Insured, Delivery Confirmation, Signature Confirmation, COD, and Express Mail; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail. Daily retail window transactions average six. Office receipts for the last three years were: \$9680.00 (26 revenue units) in FY2008; \$8566.00 (24 revenue units) in FY 2007; and \$7698.21 (22 revenue units) in FY2006. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

When this proposal is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by rural delivery emanating from the Portland Post Office, an EAS-20 level office. Window service hours at Portland are from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, and 9:00am to 12:00pm on Saturday. There are 311 Post Office boxes available.

On August 11, 2009, representatives from the Postal Service were available at Mitchellville General Baptist Church to answer questions and provide information to customers. Twenty customers attended the meeting.

On June 29, 2009, 26 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Mitchellville Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at Mitchellville. Sixteen questionnaires were returned. Ten unfavorable and six expressed no opinion regarding the proposed alternate service.

There were no congressional inquiries or petitions received.

The following postal concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting, and from customer letters.

Concern: Shipping of eBay packages was a concern.

Response: Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Carrier pickup are available for customer convenience.

Concern: The community's loss of identity.

Response: A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name.

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Concern: The people of the community expressed concern over keeping the Post Office in Mitchellville and what could they do to maintain it?

Response: Explained the drop of mail volume and window transactions that has occurred within the Postal Service and at the Mitchellville Post Office.

Concern: If the study of discontinuance is pursued will the blue collection box be maintained in Mitchellville?

Response: Yes the collection box can be maintained in Mitchellville.

Concern: The customers felt the lack of hours the Post Office was opened has caused a decrease in window transactions.

Response: It was explained the reason for the reduced hours was because of the lack of mail volume and window transactions that occur at the Mitchellville Post Office.

Concern: Security of the NDCBU's

Response: There are regular intervals of checking and maintaining boxes in place with the Portland PO. Maintenance of the NDCBU's is maintained by the USPS.

Concern: The Mitchellville PO is the glue that holds the community together.

Response: Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the churches, community center, and other residences in town.

Concern: Who makes the final determination in the decision of Mitchellville?

Response: Headquarters and the PRC will review all the information concerning the Mitchellville PO and they will make the final determination.

Concern: Customers were concerned about senior citizens.

Response: Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service.

Concern: Customers were concerned about having to travel to another Post Office for service.

Response: Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Carrier pickup are available for customer convenience.

Concern: Customers were concerned about mail security.

Response: Verification with the Postal Inspection Service and local law enforcement officials revealed very few recent reports of mail theft or vandalism in the area.

Concern: Customers expressed concern for those customers with disabilities who are not able to travel to Portland to pick up their mail.

Response: Customers are not required to travel to another Post Office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customer's residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an

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extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the Portland Postmaster.

Concern: The time of day the mail would be delivered.

Response: The top priority of the Postal Service is to provide mail service in the most efficient manner possible because all of our costs are reflected in postage rates customers must pay. Delivery costs are one of our biggest expenses, so you can be assured that careful thought is given to the structure of each route.

Concern: Customers asked why their Post Office was being reviewed.

Response: Post offices are reviewed on a case-by basis. When there is a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.

Some advantages of a carrier service proposal are:

- 1. Carrier delivery service is beneficial to some senior citizens, the handicapped, and working people since customers will no longer need to travel to the Post Office to pick up their mail.
- 2. The carrier provides retail services, alleviating the need to go to the Post Office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
- 3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
- 5. Customers opting for carrier service will no longer have to pay Post Office box fees.
- 6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages to a carrier service proposal are:

- 1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community.
- 2. Need to meet the carrier at the mailbox to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most postal transactions.
- 3. Customers who want Post Office box service at the Portland Post Office will experience a Post Office box fee increase. However, free service is available through carrier delivery.

The proposal to close the Mitchellville Post Office was posted with an invitation for public comment at the Mitchellville and Portland Post Offices from September 17, 2009, through November 20, 2009. Four comment forms were received. The following concerns were expressed on comment forms.

1. There was one concern that the town would loose its incorporation status.

Response: The incorporated status of a town has no bearing on its requirements for postal services.

2. Concern: There were two concerns about preserving the community.

Response: A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Mitchellville and ZIP in addresses and in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.

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3. Concern: Two customers expressed the concern of the time i.

Response: Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox.

4. Concern: There was one concern that this will hasten the demise of the town as they know it.

Response: A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Mitchellville and ZIP in addresses and in the National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Mitchellville is an incorporated rural community located in Sumner County. The community is administered politically by a city form of government. Police protection is provided by Sumner County Sheriff. Fire protection is provided by Mitchellville Volunteer Fire Department. The community is comprised of retired people, farmers, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

There are three religious institutions in the community. Businesses include: Brown Heating and Air Conditioning, The Wood Shop, and MSG Supply. Residents travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Non-postal services provided at the Mitchellville Post Office will be available at the Portland Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Portland Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

There were no non-postal concerns expressed on the returned questionnaires or at the community meeting.

Based on information the Postal Service obtained, it was determined that there has been minimal growth in the area in recent years. Carrier service is expected to be able to handle any future growth in the community.

To help preserve community identity, the community's name and the ZIP Code will be retained in the mailing address. It will continue to be listed in the *National Five-Digit ZIP Code and Post Office Directory*.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster was promoted on June 25, 2005. The non-career OIC will return to her position as a PMR at a neighboring office. No other postal employee will be adversely affected.

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IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$36,283.00 with a breakdown as follows:

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Postmaster Salary (EPM-55, Minimum) Fringe Benefits @33.5% Rental Costs, Excluding Utilities	\$24,482.00 8201.47 <u>+3600.00</u>
Total Annual Costs Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	36,283.00 <u>-0</u>
Total Annual Savings	\$36 283 00

A one-time expense of \$1299.54 will be incurred for installation of NDCBUs and parcel lockers. Rural delivery from Portland already serves this area so there is no cost for replacement service.

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Mitchellville, TN, Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by a rural route administered by the Portland Post Office, located five miles away. Customers wishing to maintain there current PO Box number and Mitchellville for the last line of the address would have access to a NDCBU unit provided by the Postal Service.

The postmaster was promoted on June 25, 2005. The non-career OIC will return to her position as PMR at a neighboring office. No other employee will be adversely affected. Post office workload has declined along with the drastic decline in mail volume.

The Mitchellville Post Office provides 22 hours of window service per week to 26 customers. Daily retail window transactions average six. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

Carrier service will continue to provide effective and regular service to the community. There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services will be available from the carrier, alleviating the need to travel to a Post Office for service. To help preserve community identity, the community name and the ZIP Code will be retained in the mailing address. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$36,283.00 annually. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most postal transactions.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this proposal is warranted.

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VII. NOTICES

A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based was available for public inspection at the Mitchellville and Portland Post Offices during September 17, 2009 through November 20, 2009.

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B. This is a proposal. It is not a final determination to close this Post Office. If a final determination is made to close this Post Office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Rate Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.

Manager, Post Office Operations

11-30-09

Date

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LOG OF POST OFFICE DISCONTINUANCE ACTIONS

Office Name, State, ZIP Code:	Mitchellville TN 37119
EAS Level:	EPM-53
District:	TN
County:	Sumner
Congressional District:	6th
Proposal:	Close x Consolidate
Reason For Proposal:	Study for Discontinuance
Alternate Service Proposed:	NDCBU served by Portland
Customers Affected:	
Post Office box:	18
General Delivery:	6
Rural Route:	
Highway Contract Route (HCR):	
City Route:	
Intermediate Rural:	·
Intermediate HCR:	
Total number of customers:	24

Date:	Action:
N/A	Office suspended. Reason suspended:
N/A	Suspension notice sent to Headquarters.
06/25/09	Postmaster vacancy occurred. Reason: PROMOTED
06/25/09	OIC: Career: Noncareer: X Other Employees:
05/04/09	District manager authorization to study.
07/29/09	Questionnaires sent to customers. Number sent: 24 Number Returned:
	Analysis: Favorable Unfavorable 10 No Opinion 6
08/11/09	Community meeting. Number attended: 20
N/A	Petition received. Number of signatures:
	Concerns expressed:
N/A	Congressional inquiry received:
	Concerns expressed:
09/01/09	Proposal and checklist sent to district for review.
09/01/09	Government Relations and Retail Operations notified by district 10 days before the 60-day posting (Form 4920 attached).
09/17/09	Proposal and invitation for comments posted and round-dated.

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	Proposal and invitation for comments removed and round-dated.			
11/20/09	Comment analysis: Favorable Unfavorable 4_No Opinion Total 4			
N/A	Revised proposal posting (if necessary).			
period to apply	Revised proposal removal (if necessary).			
N/A	Comment analysis: Favorable No Opinion Total			
	Premature PRC appeal received.			
N/A	Concerns expressed:			
N/A	Coordinator verified CPO offeror(s) is still interested.			
N/A	Updated 4920 completed (if necessary).			
	Certification of the official record.			
A SECTION ASSESSMENT	District transmittal of official record to vice president, delvery and retail, and copy of transmittal letter to vice president, area operations.			
Headquarters logged in official record (option entry). Record returned to district for additional consideration.				
	Record returned as not warranted.			
	Final determination posted at affected office(s) and round-dated.			
	Final determination removed and round-dated.			
	Postal Bulletin Post Office Change Announcement form sent to Headquarters.			
	No appeals letter received from Headquarters.			
	Appeal to PRC received.			
140 Martin	PRC opinion received on appeal:			
THE STATE OF THE S	Affirmed: Remanded: USPS Withdrawn:			
	Address management systems notified to updated AMS database.			
	Discontinuance announced in Postal Bulletin No.:Effective date:			
Review Coordinat	tor/person most familiar with the case: Rebectus G. Purusta Lu G. Purusta Telephone Number: 131 138 0641,			

931 - 128 - 0666 Telephone Number



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December 3, 2009

MEMO TO THE RECORD

SUBJECT:

Certification of the Record

Mitchellville Post Office Docket Number 37119

This certifies that all comments and documents enclosed in the attached record are originals, or true and correct copies of the originals.

District Manager, Customer Service and Sales



December 3, 2009

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DEC 14 (57)

VICE PRESIDENT, DELIVERY AND RETAIL UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE 475 L'ENFANT PLAZA RM 5621 WASHINGTON DC 20260-5621

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL RECORD

CUSTOMER SERVICES **OPERATIONS**

Enclosed for your review and approval is the official record to discontinue the Mitchellville Post Office.

All appropriate actions have been taken, and we have considered the concerns/comments of affected customers. The record has been thoroughly reviewed, and all necessary documentation is included. All documents in the record are numbered and contain docket and item numbers on each page and a chronological index of all documents in the record is included. Effective and regular service will be provided to community residents by permanently implementing the alternative service proposed.

Refer questions about this Post Office discontinuance to Becky Pursley, Post Office Review Coordinator, at 931-728-0666.

District Manager

Customer Service and Sales

Enclosures: One copy of record

Headquarters' acknowledgment of receipt of official record

Self-addressed envelope

cc: Vice President, Terry Wilson Area (no enclosures)



DISTRICT MANAGER
CUSTOMER SERVICE AND SALES
TENNESSEE DISTRICT
811 ROYAL PARKWAY
NASHVILLE, TN 37229-9998

ATTENTION: Post Office Review Coordinator

SUBJECT: Final Determination

Mitchellville, TN 37119-9998

The final determination to discontinue the subject post office is enclosed, along with a <u>Postal Bulletin</u> announcement form to be completed and returned to this office through the district.

Please provide public notice by prominently posting a copy of the final determination in the appropriate post office(s). Make a copy of the completed record available for public inspection during normal working hours at the post office(s) during the mandatory 30-day posting period. Please note that the first day of the actual 30-day posting period begins at day "zero".

POSTAL BULLETIN - POST OFFICE CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Complete the enclosed <u>Postal Bulletin</u> post office change announcement form in its entirety and send it to this office (in triplicate) on the day the final determination is removed. One form will be used to document the official record, one sent to the Accounting Systems Development office and the third copy will be forwarded to the Headquarters Address Management for the post office change announcement. Please note that Headquarters Address Management will not announce any post office closing or consolidation except when requested in writing by this office. Announcement form mailing instructions are provided at the bottom of the form.

APPEAL

Providing there are no appeals to the Postal Regulatory Commission, the office will be officially discontinued the first Saturday 90 days after posting the final determination. If the final determination is appealed, we will furnish you with appropriate instructions. Please contact this office if a different date is needed for the official discontinuance. It must be noted, however, that the law prohibits discontinuance sooner than 60 days after the date the final determination was posted.

NATIONAL FIVE-DIGIT ZIP CODE AND POST OFFICE DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please coordinate with your Address Management System unit to make sure that the Address Management System (AMS) Report is updated according to existing Headquarters Address Management instructions. That request, however, shall not be made until this office has notified you in writing that no appeals are pending.

OFFICIAL RECORD

Chronologically file this memorandum in your copy of the official record. All final determination postings must be added to the record at the end of the 30-day public posting period. Do not send them to Headquarters. The official record should be archived at the district by the post office discontinuance coordinator after the appeal decision is rendered and/or the post office change announcement has appeared in the Postal Bulletin.

If further assistance is needed, please contact Richard Rudez at (202) 268-5062.

Thank you for your assistance.

Attachments

CC:

Vice President, Area Operations, Southeast Area Vice President, Government Relations & Public Affairs Vice President, Retail Products and Services

Vice President, Facilities Headquarters Library Headquarters Historian

DATE OF POSTING:	
DATE OF REMOVAL:	

THE MITCHELLVILLE, TN POST OFFICE AND EXTEND RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

DOCKET NUMBER 37119

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service has determined to close the Mitchellville, TN Post Office located at 1002 North Church Street and provide delivery and retail services by a rural route administered by the Portland, TN Post Office, located five miles away. Service will be provided to cluster box units (CBUs) installed on the carrier's line of travel.

CBUs are secure free-standing units of individually locked mail compartments installed and maintained by the Postal Service at no cost to the customer. These units will be placed in the public right-of-way on the carrier's line of travel. Parcel lockers will also be installed for customer convenience.

The postmaster was promoted on June 25, 2005. A noncareer employee from a neighboring office was installed as the temporary officer-in-charge (OIC). Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue. The Mitchellville office qualifies for 24 hours of service weekly to 26 customers. Workload at the Mitchellville Post Office is minimal with an average of six daily transactions accounting for approximately ten minutes of retail workload. With the minimal workload the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will continue to be provided through rural route delivery.

The Mitchellville Post Office, an EAS-C level, provides service 22 hours a week from 9 to 11 a.m. and 12 to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday to 18 post office box and 8 general delivery customers. Retail services include the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as registered mail, certified, insured, COD, and Express Mail; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail. Daily retail window transactions average six. Office receipts for the last three years were: \$9,680.00 in FY-2008; \$7,845.00 in FY-2009; and \$9,069.00 in FY-2010. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

When this final determination is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by rural route delivery emanating from the Portland Post Office, an EAS-20 level office, located five miles away. Window service hours at Portland are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. There are approximately 300 post office boxes available.

On June 29, 2009 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Mitchellville Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at Mitchellville. Sixteen questionnaires were returned. Ten responses were unfavorable and six expressed no opinion regarding the proposed alternate service.

On August 11, 2009 representatives from the Postal Service were available at Mitchellville to answer questions and provide information to customers. Twenty customers attended the meeting.

The following postal concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting and from customer letters:

 Concern: Customers were concerned about shipping of packages especially eBay packages.

Response: Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Plus the Postal Service has developed a number of convenient offerings that can save our customers a trip to the post office. Customers can buy stamps online through our website at www.usps.com, by phone at 1-800-STAMP24, or by mail. In addition, our Click-N-Ship service on www.usps.com enables customers to print shipping labels with postage for Express Mail and Priority Mail.

Concern: Customers asked why their post office was being discontinued while others were retained.

Response: Post offices are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. When there is a vacancy in a small office, it is customary to conduct a study of the business activity and investigate the feasibility of providing service by alternate means.

3. Concern: Customers expressed concern about collection of outgoing mail.

Response: Collection of mail and dispatch schedules will remain the same.

 Concern: Customers were concerned about the limited hours of operation at the post office.

Response: Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue. A workload analysis conducted indicated the office qualifies for 24 hours of service per week. Carrier service will provide 24-hour access to the mail.

5. Concern: Customers were concerned about mail security.

Response: CBUs provide the security of individually locked mail compartments. There have been no recent reports of mail theft or vandalism in the area.

 Concern: Customers wanted to make sure the Mitchellville Post Office study is going through the formal discontinuance procedure.

Response: Questionnaires were sent to the Mitchellville customers on June 29, 2009 and a community meeting was held on August 11, 2009. The proposal to close the Mitchellville Post Office was posted for the 60-day mandatory posting period from September 17, 2009 to November 20, 2009. Regulations require the posting of a final determination to close a post office, which informs customers on how to appeal that determination to the Postal Regulatory Commission.

7. Concern: Customers were concerned about senior citizens.

Response: Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to CBUs. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the Portland Postmaster for more information.

 Concern: Customers were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service.

Response: Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.

 Concern: Customers expressed concern for those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to a post office to pick up their mail. Response: Customers are not required to travel to another post office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a CBU located close to customers' residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the Portland Postmaster.

10. Concern: Customers were concerned about later delivery of mail.

Response: The top priority of the Postal Service is to provide mail service in the most efficient manner possible because all of our costs are reflected in postage rates customers must pay. Delivery costs are one of our biggest expenses, so you can be assured that careful thought is given to the structure of each route.

A customer's location on a carrier's line of travel determines the time of day mail is delivered. This, of course, precludes providing early delivery of mail to every customer because, no matter how we structure a route, somebody must be last. We do, however, carefully consider the volume of mail for each route so that we can deliver the greatest amount of mail at the earliest possible hour. With the largest fleet of delivery vehicles in the world, to minimize vehicle and fuel expenses we must also pay special attention to energy conservation measures. Therefore, when structuring a route, we must balance our goal to deliver as much mail as possible as early as possible with the need to minimize the travel distance a route must cover.

11. Concern: Customers were concerned about obtaining accountable mail and large parcels.

Response: If the customer lives less than one-half mile from the line of travel, the carrier will attempt delivery of accountable items and large parcels to the customer's residence. If the customer lives over one-half mile away or is not home when delivery is attempted, a notice will be left in the mailbox. Large parcels will be left in the parcel locker or at a location designated by the customer (if authorized by the customer), or a notice will be left in the mailbox. Attempted delivery items will be taken back to the Portland Post Office. Customers may pick up the item at the post office, request redelivery on another day or authorize delivery to another party.

12. Concern: Customers expressed concern over the dependability of rural route service.

Response: Rural letter carriers perform a vital function in the United States Postal Service serving thousands of families and businesses in rural and suburban areas while traveling millions of miles daily. Rural letter carriers are highly respected by the American public. This respect has been earned by many years of dedication to the Postal Service and to postal customers. During national and local emergencies, including prolonged periods of extreme weather conditions, rural carriers have demonstrated great responsibility in providing mail service to postal customers. Rural carriers are required to serve the route expeditiously and arrive at boxes at about the same time each day.

13. Concern: Customers inquired about mailbox installation and maintenance.

<u>Response</u>: Cluster box units are purchased, installed, and maintained by the Postal Service at no expense to customers.

14. Concern: Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response: Retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

MAILING PACKAGES

Carriers will accept packages at the mailbox without a customer being present, provided the package is under 13 ounces and the postage is fully prepaid. Just estimate the amount of postage needed and leave the money in the mailbox. If insurance is desired, the value of the contents must be specified. The carrier will take the package to the post office, and it will be weighed to determine the appropriate rate. The package will be mailed that same day. The carrier will leave the customer's change and insurance receipt, if appropriate, in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using Form 3227-R, Stamp Purchase Order (Rural), available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders can be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

Some advantages to the final determination are:

- The carrier provides retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
- 2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.

- A savings for the Postal Service, which contributes in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
- CBUs offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
- 5. Customers opting for carrier service will no longer have to pay post office box rental fees.

Some disadvantages to the final determination are:

- 1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community.
- 2. Meeting the carrier at the CBU to transact business.
- A change in mailing address. The community name and ZIP Code will continue to be used in the new address.

The proposal to close the Mitchellville Post Office was posted with an invitation for public comment at the Mitchellville and Portland Post Offices from September 17, 2010 through November 20, 2010, respectively. Four comments were received: all four were unfavorable. The following additional concerns were expressed on customer comment forms and have not previously been identified in this final determination:

1. Concern: Customers were concerned the community would loose its incorporated status.

<u>Response</u>: The incorporated status of a community has no relationship to the existence of a post office.

Concern: Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance.

Response: Economic savings are only one of several factors considered. Economic savings have been calculated as required for discontinuance studies. Carrier service is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates annual savings of \$21,142.00.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Mitchellville is an incorporated rural community located in Sumner County. The community is administered politically by a mayor and council form of government. Police protection is provided by the Sumner County Sheriff's Department. The Mitchellville Volunteer Fire Department provides fire protection. The community is comprised of retired people, farmers, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

The Mitchellville Church of Christ, Mitchellville First Baptist Church and the Mitchellville General Baptist Church are located in the community. Businesses include: Brown Heating and Air Conditioning, The Wood Shop and MSG Supply. Residents travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Mitchellville Post Office will be available at the Portland Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the post office will also be available at the Portland Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting and from customer letters:

1. Concern: Customers expressed concern for loss of community identity.

Response: A community's identity derives from the interest and vitality of its residents and their use of its name. The Postal Service is helping to preserve community identity by continuing the use of the Mitchellville name and ZIP Code in addresses.

 Concern: Customers were concerned about the loss of a gathering place and an information center.

<u>Response</u>: Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the other businesses, churches and residences in town.

 Concern: Customers felt the loss of a post office would have a detrimental effect on the community.

Response: Communities generally require regular and effective postal services, and these will always be provided to the Mitchellville community. There is no indication that the business community will be adversely affected. Questionnaire responses revealed that customers will continue to use local businesses if the post office is discontinued.

Based on information the Postal Service obtained, it was determined that there has been minimal growth in the area in recent years. Carrier service is expected to be able to handle any future growth in the community.

Based on information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster was promoted on June 25, 2005. The noncareer OIC will return to her position at a nearby post office. No other postal employee will be adversely affected.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates annual savings of \$21,142.00 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster's Salary (EAS-C, Minimum) Fringe Benefits @33.5%	\$15,013.00 5,029.00	
Rental Costs, Excluding Utilities	+ 3,600.00	
Total Annual Costs	\$23,642.00	
Less Cost of Replacement Service	-2,500.00	
Total Annual Savings	\$21,142.00	

A one-time expense of approximately \$1,300.00 will be incurred for installation of CBUs and parcel lockers.

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service has determined to close the Mitchellville Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by a rural route administered by the Portland Post Office, located five miles away.

The postmaster was promoted. The noncareer OIC will return to her home office. No other employee will be adversely affected. Post office workload has declined and the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided through rural route delivery.

The Mitchellville Post Office provides 22 hours of window service per week to 26 customers. Daily retail window transactions average six. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

Carrier service will continue to provide effective and regular service to the community. There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services will be available from the carrier, alleviating the need to travel to a post office for service. To help preserve community identity, the community name and ZIP Code will be retained in the mailing address. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$21,142.00 annually. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most postal transactions.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this final determination is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. <u>Support Materials</u>. Copies of all materials upon which this final determination is based are available for public inspection at the Mitchellville and Portland Post Offices during normal office hours.
- B. Appeal Rights. This final determination to close the Mitchellville Post Office may be appealed by any person served by that office to the Postal Regulatory Commission at 901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200, Washington DC 20268-0001. Appeals must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the date this final determination, is posted. If an appeal is filed, copies of appeal documents prepared by the Postal Regulatory Commission or the parties to the appeal will be made available for public inspection at the Mitchellville and Portland Post Offices during normal office hours.

Dean J. Granholm Vice President

Delivery and Post Office Operations

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